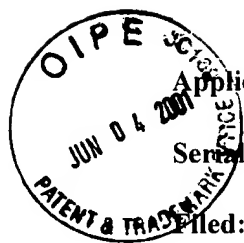


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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO
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In response to the form Notice of Incomplete Reply, mailed May 21, 2001, please find enclosed a Declaration executed by Hong Dixon. Also enclosed are a check in the amount of \$195.00 for the extension of time fee and the return copy of the form entitled Notice of Incomplete Reply.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments related to this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SWRI-2749A).

Respectfully submitted,

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